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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON BOXING VENTURES IN ABU DHABI

REF: STATE 161204

1. LETTER WAS SENT TO HONORABLE LAMAR GUDGER ON JUNE 18, 1978  
SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR WITH CARBONS TO NEA/ARP WINN AND H/NEA  
FLATEN. ENCLOSED WAS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE  
TO AMBASSADOR ENQUIRY. IN LETTER TO GUDGER, WE VENTURED OPINION  
THAT "OUTLOOK FOR MR. FREEMAN'S VENTURE DOES NOT LOOK PROMISING  
IN ABU DHABI IN THE NEAR FUTURE". ADDITIONALLY WE SAID THAT WE  
"DO NOT BELIEVE THQT THE ABU DHABI AUTHORITIES WOULD BE VERY  
INTERESTED IN A BOXING VENTURE WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE MUHAMMAD ALI".

2. MR. FREEMAN'S INQUIRIES TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COURT WERE  
REFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS & YOUTH. INFORMAL  
EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THEIR LETTER TO AMBASSADOR FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

3. TO: THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
YOUR EXCELLENCY:  
THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO US BY THE  
PRESIDENTIAL COURT IN ABU DHABI ON TRAINING A BOXING TEAM  
FROM THE UAE TO ENTER THE MOSCOW OLYMPICS IN 1980.  
WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRXHMNATION FOR THE COOPERATION YOU  
HAVE INITIATED. SINCE THE UAE IS NOT YET READY ON THE NATIONAL  
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STANDARD, WE REGRET OUR INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLYMPICS  
WITH SUCH A TEAM, BUT WE HOPE TO DO SO WHEN A NATIONAL TEAM  
FOR THE UAE HAS BEEN FORMED.

AS REGARDS THE STAGING OF BOXING MATCHES IN ABU DHABI TO INCLUDE  
MOHAMMED ALI CLAY, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS REQUIRES VAST ARRANGE-  
MENTS WHICH WE CANNOT AFFORD AT PRESENT. HOWEVER, WE HOPE  
TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR SUCH AN EVENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE

WHEN THE PROPER ATHLETIC INSTALLATIONS AT PRESENT UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

WE THANK YOU ONCE MORE FOR YOUR KIND COOPERATION AND WISH YOU  
CONTINUED PROGRESS AND SUCCESS.

SULTAN SAQR AL SUWEIDI  
DIRECTOR YOUTH DEPARTMENT  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND YOUTH.  
DATED JUNE 10, 1978. UNQUOTE.  
DICKMAN

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